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In re application: Judith L. Erb

Serial No.: 09/833,998

Group Art Unit: 1731

Filed: 04/12/01

Examiner: HOFFMAN, John M.

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASUREMENT  
OF BINDING BETWEEN A PROTEIN AND A NUCLEOTIDE

Attorney Docket No: 3060.00018

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003, Paper Number 30926.

Restriction to one of the following Groups was required under 35 USC §121:

I. Claims 62-63, drawn to a method for manufacturing fibers, classified in class 65, subclass 385.

II. Claim 64, drawn to means for protecting surfaces glass, classified in class 106, subclass 287.270.

Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 62-63 for prosecution purposes, with traverse. Applicants hereby conditionally withdraws claim 64 from prosecution, without prejudice, and request reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement based on the following grounds. It is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement practice was established to promote efficiency of prosecution in the Patent Office. Both groups of claims relate to methods of preparing a surface. Hence, it is

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respectfully submitted that restriction should not be required and that Applicants have traversed the restriction requirement. However, as stated above, Applicants have elected the claims of Group I and provisionally withdraw claim 64, without prejudice, pending reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 11-1449.

The application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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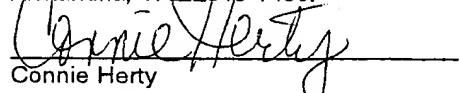
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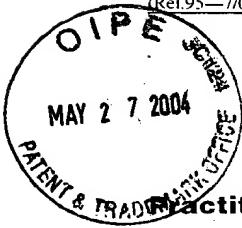
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**REQUEST**

1. Applicant requests that the abandonment in this case be withdrawn.

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This information is being submitted promptly after applicant has learned of the abandonment on the basis of:

- the Notice of Abandonment mailed by the PTO on 5/4/04.
- applicant's own procedures in monitoring the progress of this case.

## SUBMISSION

2. Submitted herewith is:

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- A copy of the complete response previously filed.
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- A copy of the attorney's Deposit Account Statement, in which the item corresponding to the response referred to above is noted.

## STATEMENT

3. Attached hereto is a statement attesting to the timely transmission of the correspondence referred to above based on:

- personal knowledge.
- a showing believed to be satisfactory to the Commissioner

4. Please proceed with further examination of this application on the basis of:

- The original papers filed, which have now reached the appropriate area of the PTO.

## AND/OR

- The attached copy of the papers originally filed.

## REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

5. Acknowledgement of the active status of this application is respectfully requested.

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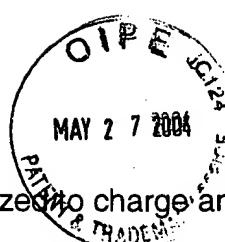
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**STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This statement is in response to an Office Communication dated May 4, 2004, enclosing a Notice of Abandonment for failure to timely reply to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003. Please be advised that a response was timely filed October 17, 2003, by Express Mail. A return postcard was never received back from the USPTO, however, the attached Express Mail Label indicates the date of filing the response. Accordingly, an Information for Withdrawal of Abandonment is attached hereto for filing.



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Respectfully submitted,

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